PATENT APPLICATION



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1632

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYASHI et al. Group Art Unit: 1632

Application No.: 10/041,633 Examiner: V. BERTOGLIO

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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 7, 2005, the shortened statutory period for reply being constructively extended to January 7, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.